

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

**SELGEM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kansas	
COUNTY: Nemaha	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Old Albany Schoolhouse
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: SE 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 25, T 1 S, R 14 E, 2.7 miles north on Sixth Street from Main Street intersection in Sabetha.			
CITY OR TOWN: Sabetha vicinity			
STATE Kansas	CODE 66534	COUNTY: Nemaha	CODE 131

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC		
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Albany Historical Society		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: Sabetha	STATE: Kansas	CODE 66534
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds		
STREET AND NUMBER: Nemaha County Courthouse		
CITY OR TOWN: Seneca	STATE: Kansas	CODE 66538
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey		
DATE OF SURVEY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local		
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress		
STREET AND NUMBER: 10 First Street, S. E.		
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D. C.	CODE 20540
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### 3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                                        |                                       |                                                  |                                       |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1866-67

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                                         |                                                 |                                              |                                          |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             |                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           |                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             |                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      |                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |                                              |                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |                                                 |                                              |                                          |

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The old Albany Schoolhouse, reportedly built in 1866-1867, served an area of eastern Nemaha county, which had been settled in 1857-1858 by a colony from New York. (The settlement was named Albany after the New York capital.) The two-story limestone building replaced a frame structure built soon after the settlement was established. The lower portion of the building was erected by the school district for use as a school, and the upper portion was completed through the efforts of the Congregational Society, which used it for many years as a place of worship. Men of the community hauled limestone from a quarry one-fourth mile southeast of the school site, and two masons, William Greene and Bearce Moulton, were hired to lay the stone.

Also making use of the upper floor was the Albany Academy, which operated for about ten years in the 1860's and 1870's and attracted high school age students from Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. During the peak years the one-teacher elementary school on the lower floor had as many as 70 pupils; the Academy reportedly had 50 to 60 pupils each term.

Albany began to fade when a railroad was constructed a few miles south of the settlement in 1870. Many of the settlers moved south to the tracks and helped form the town of Sabetha. The schoolhouse is almost all that remains of the town.

The old building was last used as a school in 1963. With school district consolidation there was no longer a need for the structure. After standing idle for several years, it was sold in June, 1965, by the Albany school district to the Sabetha Congregational Church for a nominal fee. The church planned to hold the school on an interim basis while awaiting the formation of a local historical society. The Albany Historical Society was established in July, 1965, and the schoolhouse and grounds were transferred to it several months later. Following renovation work, the school is now maintained as a museum. A number of other buildings of local historic interest have been relocated on the school grounds one-half mile west of US-75, two miles north of Sabetha.

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>The Albany Schoolhouse is a simple rectangular two-story structure of rough cut limestone in the Plains Vernacular style. Rough coursing of the stone tends to discourage any horizontal patterns from developing. Large stone quoining visually reinforces the apparent integrity of the walls. One piece stone lintels and sills are employed for both upper and lower story windows. The much larger lintel over the door in addition to fulfilling obvious structural requirements also tends to accentuate the entry. Three equally spaced windows pierce each story of the side walls and produce a very simple rhythm. The horizontal projection of the roof at the eave establishes a strong termination of the wall and the beginning of a simple yet effective hip roof. Although the present roofing is composite shingles, split wood shingles were no doubt used originally. The building's appearance is much the same as it was originally.</p>						

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8.       The old Albany Schoolhouse is significant for its long service (1867-1963) to the area as an educational facility. Additionally, the building also served as an early place of worship and community center.

# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Albany Historical Society," (Sabetha, Sabetha Chamber of Commerce, n. d.), one page information sheet.  
 "Albany, Like Rip, Awakens to Activity," Marysville Advocate, October 24, 1968.  
History of the State of Kansas (Chicago, A. T. Andreas, 1883), p. 956.  
 "Old School Continues to Serve," Topeka Journal, October 30, 1961.  
Sabetha Herald, June 3, June 8, July 22, September 14, November 2 and December 21, 1965; April 21, May 26, June 23, July 26, September 8, 1966.  
 Tennal, Ralph, History of Nemaha County, Kansas (Lawrence, Kan., Standard Publishing Co., 1916), pp. 104-108, 264, 265.

# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one to two acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Charles Hall, Architectural Consultant  
 Richard Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: April 28, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name: Nyle H. Miller  
 Nyle H. Miller

Title: Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society

Date: Nov. 29, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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